

WEEK 1

AUGUST 1ST TO 6TH

SOMETHING NEW

BUILDING ON OUR LEGACIES

## COLORADO THE “CENTENNIAL STATE”

On the 1st in 1876 Colorado the “Centennial State”, becomes the 38th state. The name of Colorado, was chosen in 1861 from the Spanish language, taking on the meaning of “colored red”.

The state came into existence on the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Originally settled by the Anasazi or “cliff dwellers”, later groups included gold miners, railroad travelers, and homesteaders who came to enjoy the rich abundance nature has to offer. Gold was discovered in 1858, 10 years after the California gold rush.

## A RESOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE

On the 2nd in 1776, members of the Continental Congress sign the Declaration of Independence at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

What started out in May of 1775 as a gathering of the Second Continental Congress, to discuss their grievances with Great Britain, proved fruitless as King George III still had not responded to their petition from the prior October. By August, the King declared the colonists to be in open rebellion.

By the middle of 1776, public sentiment was turning in favor of independence from Great Britain. On June 7th, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposes a resolution of independence. By June 11th, Thomas Jefferson is chosen to be the principal drafter of the Declaration of Independence, aided by Adams and Franklin. However, many more were to be involved, **this was not a committee of a few, but many.**

On the 5th in 1861, Lincoln signs the first Federal Income Tax, 3% on income over \$800. It is short lived, as taxes go. The purpose was to help support the efforts of the Union in the Civil War conflict.

## THOUGHT TO CONSIDER:

How can we restore anything, if we do not understand what we have before us to restore? I marvel at those that restore classic cars, or that take a period piece of furniture and restore it to a condition that shows its beauty and functionality. Restoring homes is no different.

The question might be asked, *are we losing what we once had in being leaders of the global free world? Have we lost the luster, have we stepped away from what made us great as a nation? Has our light to the world been diminished?* Conservatives and supporters of the Constitution have taken great pleasure in 2022, as we watched the Supreme Court correct their ways, reversing prior decisions as a Court. **This is about States’ Rights, as we build a better future.**

Are their lessons to be learned, such as **have Parental Rights been lost in recent years?** If we are to build a better future, we do need to recognize that as our Founders envisioned, localizing decisions is always best. As we have seen the beginning of the restoration of States Rights, we also need to restore Parental Rights. In the process we can hope for a return to stable families, 2-parent households; communities that foster good citizens, a respect for self and community, and a love for this great nation.

